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5 November 1969

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: McClintock Committee Meeting, 5 November 1969

PARTICIPANTS: State: Ambassador McClintock
Ambassador Unger
Mr. Dexter
Mr. Wolf
Mr. Futterman

White House: Mr. Lehman
Mr. Mullenhoff

AID: Mr. William Templeton

DOD: General Stilwell
General Ott
General Seith
Several unidentified Colonels

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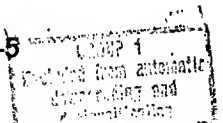
TIME AND PLACE: 11:00 a. m. room 7516 , Department of State

1. This meeting was held to review the preparation of materials for the Thai hearings. Several papers were distributed: the outline of Ambassador Unger's omnibus statement, the Subcommittee's schedule for the hearings and a memorandum from Ambassador Unger to Ambassador McClintock outlining the preparations being made by Defense and State. These papers are attached.

2. We discussed the question of the Thai role in the Laotian War. I noted that we had reviewed the Director's testimony and felt it covered the general thrust of this question although certain specifics were answered. It was agreed that if asked about this matter, the witnesses would state first that they understood this subject had been covered in Mr. Helms' testimony at the Laos hearings and, secondly, that they cannot discuss the matter. Hopefully this

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formula will be acceptable to the Subcommittee.

3. There was some discussion of "off-the-record" testimony. It was agreed that this gambit should not be used by the witnesses because of the Subcommittee's willingness to repeat the statement and thereby put it "on-the-record" while framing another question to the same point.

4. Secretary of State Rogers has changed the ground rules on "personal opinion". He states that he does not feel that the witnesses have to give personal opinions, even while under oath. This conflicts somewhat with Futterman's memorandum for the record on this matter. This problem was not further clarified.

5. Ambassador McClintock announced that Subcommittee hearings on Taiwan will begin 24 November. McClintock has learned that Admiral Chew, General Ciccolella, and Col. Tweedy will be called as witnesses. There may be other witnesses. The State Department has not yet received the questions for Taiwan.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

MEMORANDUM

November 4, 1969

TO: Ambassador McClintock

FROM: Ambassador Leonard Unge *lu*

SUBJECT: Preparations for Symington Subcommittee Hearings

I met on Monday afternoon, November 3, with other Subcommittee witnesses to discuss preparations for the hearings and the organization and presentation of testimony. Present were Dr. Tanham, General Seith, General Petit, General Ott and Lt. Colonel Bartelt. General Stilwell was not able to attend. Also present were Messrs. S. French and Peter Knaur of OSD/ISA.

We agreed that, in lieu of having individual witnesses present written statements on questions posed by the Subcommittee, there should be a single "omnibus" written statement presented by me at the outset of the hearings which would constitute a comprehensive Executive Branch statement.

We also agreed that I would commence my testimony as first witness with a general unclassified statement which would cover primarily questions one and five from Senator Symington's letter, i. e. "Treaties, statements and other agreements and commitments relating to security matters" and "Development of the United States presence in Thailand since 1964."

With regard to other questions, which for the most part would be dealt with by other witnesses, we felt that some could most helpfully be presented with an introductory prepared oral statement by the primary witness concerned but that, for other questions, an opening statement would probably not be necessary.

The following were our decisions on individual questions:

1. Joint planning, exercises and operations with the Thai, including air defense (Symington letter question #2) - no statement.

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2. United States built and/or operated military facilities (Symington letter question #3) - no statement.

3. United States forces, missions and programs in Thailand (Symington letter question #4) - oral statement to be drafted by DOD.

4. The security threats to Thailand, both external and internal (Symington letter question #7) - oral statement to be prepared by State.

5. The military assistance program (Symington letter question #6) - oral statement to be prepared by DOD.

6. United States counterinsurgency programs (Symington letter question #8) - oral statement to be prepared by State (Tanham).

7. The Thai role in the war in Viet Nam, particularly Thai troops sent to Viet Nam (Symington letter question #10) - oral statement to be prepared by State in coordination with Defense.

8. Thai companies controlled and/or run by Thai government and military officials doing commercial business with United States agencies in Thailand (Symington letter question #12) - no statement.

9. The Thai role in the Laotian war (Symington letter question #11) - in view of our understanding that the Helms testimony in the Laos hearings would suffice for this question, we contemplate no prepared oral statement but believe we need guidance as to how to deal with the subject if questions on it are asked in the hearings.

For drafting of the omnibus statement, a small working group was appointed consisting of Lin Starbird, James Montgomery and John Eisenhower, who was nominated by Mr. French for Defense.

I suggest that copies of this memorandum be circulated at tomorrow's working group meeting.

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November 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Members of the Interdepartmental Working Group on the Symington Subcommittee Hearings

From: J/RM - Robert McClintock

Mr. Pincus has furnished me with the following schedule for the hearings on Thailand:

Monday, November 10

- Treaties, statements and other agreements and commitments relating to security matters
- Development of the United States presence in Thailand since 1964
- Joint planning, exercises and operations with the Thais, including air defense

Tuesday, November 11

- United States built and/or operated military facilities
- United States forces, missions and programs in Thailand

Wednesday, November 12

- The security threats to Thailand, both external and internal
- The military assistance program
- United States counterinsurgency programs

Thursday morning, November 13

- The Thai role in the war in Vietnam, particularly Thai troops sent to Vietnam

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Thursday morning, November 13, Continued

-Thai companies controlled and/or run by Thai government and military officials doing commercial business with United States agencies in Thailand

? [-The Thai role in the Laotian war]

Thursday afternoon, November 13

-NSA testimony

Friday, November 14

-Ambassador Graham A. Martin, Department of State

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OMNIBUS STATEMENT

I. General Review of Early Thai/US Cooperation
Within the Mutual Security Framework

A Basic Documents Relating to Mutual Security

1. MAP Agreement
2. AID Agreement
3. SEATO
 - a. Rusk Thanat Restatement

B. Early Action under Mutual Security Arrangements

1. Early Coop.
 - a. Korea
 - b. SAC Airfields
 - c. OICC
 - d. Minor deployments
2. 1962 Troop Deployments
 - a. Background
 - b. Creation of MACTHAI
3. SLAT Agreement
 - a. Background
 - b. Accomplishments
4. Military Assistance

II. Thai/US Cooperation and the Conflict in Southeast Asia

A. Use of Thai Bases

1. General Review of Deployments
 - a. USAF

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II - Thai/US Cooperation and the Conflict in Southeast Asia (Continued)

b. Army

c. Understanding with RTG

- Missions-Thai Control

- Numbers

2. Thai Security Guards

3. Logistic Transport

a. Army Trucks

b. ETO

4. Construction Program to Support these Actions

a. Historical Review

b. General Description

c. Understanding with RTG

B. Thai Troops to Viet-Nam

1. Historical Review

2. US Support

C. Viet-Nam R&R Program

III. Recent Thai/US Cooperation in Building Thai Defenses Under Mutual Security Arrangements

A. Threat to Thailand

B. Joint Exercises

C. Military Assistance

D. US Support for Thai CI Programs

1. Policy & Administration

2. Programs

(MAP, AID, USIS, CIA, ARPA)

E. Thai views of US Policy

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